GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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Mobile Phone Connections
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the countries having the largest mobile telephone connections in the world and it continues to expand and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether in the third quarter of 2015 India registered an addition of 13 million connections, one connection per every second, whilst China saw an increase of only 7 million and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) India is the second largest country in the world after China in terms of number of mobile telephone connections and it continues to expand as per following details:
(figures in million)
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Sr.No. Country 2013 2014 2015
1 China 1229.11 1286.09 1291.98
2 India 886.30 944.01 1001.06
3 United States 310.70 355.50 382.31
Source: http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx
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(b) In the third quarter of 2015, India registered an addition of 13.95 million mobile telephone connections i.e. 1.75 connection per second. As per the estimates based on International Telecomm Union (ITU) data for 2015, China saw an increase of 1.47 million mobile telephone connections during the same period.

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